

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/11/2021

Revised
 Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1317

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium		2023-2025 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$2,098,182		\$2,098,182	
Appropriations			\$2,098,182		\$2,098,182	

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium	2023-2025 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

HB1317 would require the Department to create a program to provide financial assistance for costs associated with pregnancy resulting in adoption. Costs are estimated to be roughly \$2,098,182 for 2021-2023.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 1.1 of HB1317 would require that the department need an additional FTE to be able to develop and implement the program and the rules related to pregnancy to adoption program. These costs associated with the FTE would be estimated at \$197,664 (including costs for computer, tech fees, etc.) The position was based on position being Human Service V, pay based on 1st quartile.

Section 1.1 of HB1317 would require that the department provide financial assistance to individuals for costs associated with a pregnancy that results in the adoption of a newborn. Such costs could include: completion the adoption study, collect information on the birth parents and child, provide birth parent counseling and support, the costs related to the relinquishment of the birth parents rights (attorney and court costs) and costs related to the support of the birth parent (which may include things like food, housing, and gas to support her during her pregnancy). This would NOT include the legal fees the adoptive parents would have to finalize the adoption. Expenditures are estimated to be \$1,800,000 for 72 adoptions for the 2021-2023 biennium.

Section 1.2 of HB1317 requires payments of medical expenses incurred for the labor and delivery of a child adopted as a newborn. Per an article from CBSNews.com, the average cost of giving birth in North Dakota was \$9,255 before insurance. Per an article from Reuters.com, the average cost of giving birth was \$4,569 with insurance. Information gathered from an adoption agency within North Dakota, roughly 70% of the birth mothers were on Medicaid, and therefore, their labor and delivery expenses would be covered. The remaining estimated 30% of the population would need their labor and delivery charges covered. Using the Reuters estimate, expenditures are estimated to be \$100,518 for 22 birth mothers for the 2021-2023 biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*
- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

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- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

For the 2021-2023 biennium the Department of Human Services would need an appropriation increase in the Salary line of \$190,710, the Operating line of \$6,954, and Grants line of \$1,900,518 all of which would be general fund, to HB 1012.

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